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Tanning Facilities Required To Be Licensed as of January 1

BISMARCK, N.D. – As of Jan. 1, 2008, tanning facilities in North Dakota must be licensed and inspected in order to operate, according to Kenan Bullinger, director of the Division of Food and Lodging for the North Dakota Department of Health.

The 2007 Legislative Assembly passed a law requiring that all facilities providing individuals access to tanning devices be licensed and meet certain requirements prior to and during operation. Administrative rules were written by the Department of Health, were approved by a legislative interim committee in December, and went into effect January 1.

In addition to licensure, other key provisions of the law require facilities to:

- Develop a consent form that customers read and sign, acknowledging their understanding of the warnings associated with tanning.
- Ensure that customers agree to use approved protective eyewear.
- Ensure that customers do not tan more than once every 24 hours.
- Ensure that each tanning bed is properly sanitized after each use
- Ensure that a trained operator is present during all operating hours of the tanning facility.

In addition, the law requires that any customer younger than 18 must have the written consent of a parent or legal guardian to use a tanning facility. This consent form must be presented and signed by the parent or legal guardian at the tanning facility after reading the warnings required by law. A customer younger than 14 must have a written order from a physician and must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to use a tanning device.

For more information about the new tanning laws and regulations, contact Kenan Bullinger, North Dakota Department of Health, at 701.328.1292 or kbullinger@nd.gov.

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